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G.O.Ms.No.4519 dated the 7th December, 1948
Read the following:

From the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, No.6/49/48-FI, dated 25th Nov.,1948

With reference to paragraph 2 of Mr. Som's letter No.5117/PP dated the 5th October, 1948, I am directed to say that the sole purpose of a transit visa is to facilitate the onward journey of the holder to his destination and the period of 15 days stay in India allowed to a transit visa holder is intended to give the person concerned time to make necessary arrangements incidental to his journey. In other words a transit visa is valid only for direct transit, with such stoppages and breaks in the journey as may be unavoidable during such transit. The Government of India, therefore, agree with the Provincial Government that a transit visa does not entitle its holder to stay in India for the duration of its validity. If any foreigner desires to stay in India on his way through India for a purpose other than transit, he will have to obtain an entry and not a transit visa.

Copy with a copy of an extract from letter No.5117-PP dated the 5th October, 1948 from the Government of West Bengal, forwarded for information to all Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners.

Copy of extract from letter No.5117-PP, dated 6th Octr. 1948 from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Calcutta, addressed to the Secretary to the Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

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" In the Indian Passport Rules, 1921 the stay of a foreigner ~~igner~~ in India with a transit visa has been limited to 15 days for the sole purpose of reaching the destination and therefore he can stay only for the period necessary for his transit purpose and not more. If he can secure a passage earlier he should leave the country through which he is transiting by the first available transport. In the opinion of the Provincial Governme a transit visa does not authorise a foreigner to stay in India f a period of 15 days. The Provincial Government would be grateful to have a ruling from the Government of India on the general question."

O R D E R:

Communicated to the Commissioner of Police, Madras, the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Railways and C.I.D., and Provincial Registration Officer and all District Magistrates

/By order of His Excellency the Governor/
P.M.NAYAK,
Deputy Secretary to Government

To the Commissioner of Police, Madras
To the Deputy Inspector-General of Police Railways and C.I.D an Provincial Registration Officer, Madras.
All District Magistrates.
Superintendent of Police, Special Branch,CID.Madras.

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